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Community *notes*

Learn About Columbia's Beginnings

A free course, "Creating Columbia: A Mini-Course", is being offered on three Thursdays: April 30, May 7 and May 14, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Historic Oakland, 5430 Vantage Point Road, Columbia. Interested persons can register for all or individual sessions at ColumbiaMiniCourse.Eventbrite.com or by calling 410-715-6781.

"Creating Columbia: A Mini-Course" looks at the period from November 1964 to August 1965, covering the formal Columbia plan, the initial reaction to it and the feverish work that followed in order to fine tune the plan, cement relationships within Howard County and ensure that the plan would be accepted and then green-lighted for development.

- The April 30 session, "Introducing the Plan," will focus on the Nov. 11, 1964, announcement and the initial reaction to it.
 - The May 7 session, "Inspiration and Perspiration," will paint a picture of the period in which Columbia transitioned from an idea into the business of planning including the all-consuming details of zoning regulations, institutional and industrial development, information and public relations.
- The May 14 session, "Jim Rouse Juggles Big Picture and Details," captures Rouse's schedule, illustrating the pace at which he met the opportunities and challenges of building Columbia and other business ventures.

These sessions will be led by Columbia historian Barbara Kellner, director of Columbia Archives.

Greeting

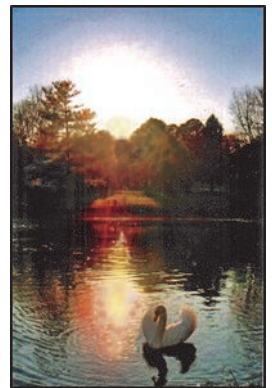
At this wonderful time of year, nature is flourishing. Please consider visiting one of the Farmers' Markets opening in the upcoming week.

May Kay

Beaverbrook Community Association Annual Spring Yard Sale Saturday

The Beaverbrook Community Association will be holding its annual community-wide yard sale on Saturday May 2 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (rain date May 9).

The Beaverbrook Community, located at the south end of Centennial Lane between Route 108 and Wilde Lake, is one of the area's oldest Community Associations. With 270 households, the annual yard sale always has great participation from the neighborhood and customers. Go early and catch some great bargains and visit with your neighbors and friends.



Enter Beaverbrook either from Route 108 at the Beaverbrook/Centennial intersection, or from Hesperus Lane in Harper's Choice Village, turn on Castlemoor Drive into the neighborhood.

Bingo!! For a Great Cause

Support Neighbor Ride and take your chance at Basket Bingo on Saturday, May 2 at FOP 69 Lodge (2832 Nine Mile Circle, Catonsville). Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and games start at 7:00 p.m.

Buy dinner at the event, enjoy snacks and beverages, enter all the 50/50 raffles and buy extra bingo cards. Winners walk away with beautiful Thirty One purses, containing gorgeous Touchstone Crystal jewelry and gifts from local businesses.

Tickets are \$20 per person and everyone receives 20 bingo game cards to start and is entered in a door prize raffle. Best of all, attendees and sponsors help provide seniors with Neighbor Ride transportation conducted by wonderful volunteers to shops, movies, doctor's appointments, faith services, and anywhere else important to them.

To purchase your tickets, visit www.neighborride.org and look for the Basket Bingo flyer. Good luck!

It's Going to the Dogs and It's Fun

"Central Bark" will be full of tail-wagging fun at the ninth-annual Dog Day Afternoon. Columbia Association (CA) is excited to announce this year's schedule of events for local canines and their people to enjoy during a free afternoon of contests, treats, activities and lots of tail-wagging fun.

Dog Day Afternoon is being held on Saturday, May 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at a new location: Columbia DogPark, 5901 Rivendell Lane, adjacent to the Harper's Choice Village Center in Columbia. A rain date has been set for Sunday, May 3, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Columbia DogPark.

Parking will be available at Columbia SportsPark, 5453 Harpers Farm Road, toward the back of the Harper's Choice Village Center; and at Harper's Choice Middle School, 5450 Beaverkill Road. Visit the [webpage](#) for all the details.

Maryland Half Marathon at Maple Lawn

The 7th annual Maryland Half Marathon returns to Maple Lawn on Saturday, May 9 beginning at 8:00 a.m. It's renowned race with lots of participants who raise funds to benefit the University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Cancer Center. For those who wish to participate at a shorter distance, the organizers are hosting a 5K for the second year.



Learn all the details and register today at the [University of Maryland Foundation's webpage](#).

Help Our Seniors in Need

Community members can help economically challenged senior citizens by donating non-perishable food and toiletries to a drive being conducted by Columbia Association's (CA) Teen Outreach Committee and Food on the 15th.

This ongoing donation drive is accepting any non-perishable food, and encourages healthier foods that are low in salt,



sugar, carbohydrates and fat. Please include toiletries such as shampoo and conditioner, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, toilet paper, paper towels, and aluminum foil.

Donations can be brought to the Youth and Teen Center at The Barn, 5853 Robert Oliver Place in the Oakland Mills Village Center; Claret Hall, 6020 Daybreak Circle in the River Hill Village Center; and Looks Salon and Spa, 6822 Oak Hall Lane.

Food on the 15th is a local charity that delivers donations around the middle of the month. For more information, go to foodonthe15th.org or email foodonthe15th@gmail.com.

Multi-Media Exhibit at the Bernice Kish Gallery

The Bernice Kish Gallery at Slayton House, 10400 Cross Fox Lane, Columbia, announces a three-person multi-media exhibit in the galleries for May and June 2015. Jerry Prettyman will show his work, "Contemporary Images" in the Lobby Gallery, April Rimpo will show her work, "Exploring Cultures through Color" in the Bill White Room Gallery, and Floyd Roberts will exhibit his sculptures in both galleries. The exhibits will run from May 14 – June 9, 2015.

Jerry Prettyman, of Pikesville, has exhibited throughout the country. Some of his more notable exhibits were at Duke University, Delaware Museum of Contemporary Arts, Corcoran Gallery of Art, and the Jazz Gallery New York.

April Rimpo, of Dayton, has exhibited nationally. Ms. Rimpo has received several awards including 1st place at the Kensington Labor Day Show and 2nd Place at the Baltimore Watercolor Society. Ms. Rimpo is a signature member of the Baltimore Watercolor Society, the Washington Watercolor Association, Illinois Watercolor Society and the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society.

Floyd Roberts, of Wheaton, has exhibited his sculptures in New York City, Chicago and throughout the region, including the MAA Art Gallery in Maryland, Strathmore Hall Art Center, and the Brookside Gardens Sculpture Exhibition. His pieces include sculpture in wood, stone, mixed media, clay and metal.

The community is invited to a public reception on Saturday, May 16, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Do You Know About Development Tracker?

Every month, Scott Templin of the Columbia Association compiles all development related meetings that are scheduled (Pre-Submission Community Meetings, Design Advisory Panel, Planning Board, Zoning Board, Hearing Examiner) as well as all newly submitted development proposal for that month into a spreadsheet for easy viewing.

The [Development Tracker](#) has proved to be a very useful tool for the community to learn of any development that is taking place the neighborhood. Previously submitted development proposals are updated to note their status in the plan review process.

Visit the [webpage](#), to view this convenient and beneficial tool.

Upcoming Art Exhibits

Howard County Arts Council's annual *Resident Visual Artists Exhibit* showcases recent work in a variety of media by artists with studios at the Howard County Center for the Arts. *Shimmer* features small-scale works by glass sculptor Steven Durow and paintings and mixed-media installations by Jeff Hensley.

View Gallery I: *Resident Visual Artists Exhibit 2015* and Gallery II: *Shimmer: Steven Durow & Jeff Hensley* from Friday, May 8 through Friday, June 26.

A free reception on June 18 in conjunction with Columbia Festival of the Arts includes entertainment by All County Improv at 6:30 p.m. and Resident Artists' Open Studios from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. For more information, visit the [Exhibits](#) page.

BikeAbout in River Hill

Join the River Hill RideAbout, a family friendly bicycle ride, on Saturday, May 16, 9:30 a.m. The ride will introduce a short, 2.8-mile route through beautiful open space in the Village of River Hill.

The ride was developed after feedback from participants in the popular annual Columbia BikeAbout, which has a lengthier route through the natural topography of Columbia and can be difficult for some.

The marked route will include two stops along the way highlighting the history of River Hill and the work of the village's watershed committee to improve the environment.

Pre-registration for the RideAbout is encouraged online at RiverHillRideAbout.EventBrite.com.

Howard County FY2016 Budget

The Howard County Council continues its work on the Fiscal Year 2016 proposed budgets this week with a public hearing on April 29 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Banneker Room, George Howard Building and a work session on April 30 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the C. Vernon Gray Conference Room of the George Howard Building. Both sessions will be available for [viewing online](#).

Interested persons may [sign up online](#) to testify at the Operating Budget Hearing. Click [here](#) to view the full budget calendar and to download the FY2016 Executive's Proposed Operating Budget.

Upcoming Events and Openings

Council Members Visiting Columbia Villages

The *Columbia Listening Tour* continues next week. The County Council members seek input from the village boards on New Town zoning, village center revitalization, and other local issues impacting the villages.

River Hill: Monday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Long Reach: Tuesday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Farmers' Markets

Howard County's Farmers' Markets return for the 2015 season beginning Wednesday, May 6. Look for the fresh goodness that our county farmers have to offer. View the [webpage](#) for locations, times, et cetera.

Would you like to learn more about local producers? Click [here](#)!

Protect Your Kids Online

The Family Institute will present a workshop, **Internet Safety 101 for Parents**, on Wednesday, May 13, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Bain Senior Center (5470 Ruth Keeton Way, Columbia) for parent and guardians raising children and adolescents. This session will help parents navigate technology changes and options on teaching their children the basic rules of internet safety so that the entire family can use all devices responsibly.

The cost is free but space is limited so pre-registration is required. Parents can register online at www.howardcountymd.gov/familyinstitute or by phone (voice/relay) at 410-313-1440.



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